

El Dorado County Railroad Tracks

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Honorable Jack Sweeney, supervisor  
County of El Dorado

Dear Mr. Sweeney,

I am writing to you to ask you for your continued support of the preservation of the Historic Railroad Tracks in El Dorado County. These Railroad Tracks represent a monumental accomplishment in our local Mother Lode History by opening the transportation corridor to our Gold Fields. Men worked very hard and some gave their lives to lay the RAILROAD TRACKS across America, including the El Dorado County Railroad Tracks that still rest were these men placed them over 100 years ago. These Railroad Tracks provided the way for the general public to ride on trains that rolled across these Railroad Tracks bringing them right into El Dorado County. These Railroad Tracks have served the public for over 100 years and should remain in place for the general public to use today and in the future.

Think of the all of the people who can ride the the train and travel through the beautiful country side of El Dorado County; the elderly, the disabled, and just see the joy and excitement through the smiles of the children who have fallen in love with trains ( and railroad tracks). These tracks hold an open door to everyone. There are numerous people who cannot ride a horse or a bicycle but the can ride a train or train type vehicles. The public has had the opportunity to ride the Folsom Skagit which was restored by a crew of men just for the public's enjoyment. Groups have purchased motorcars, used in the past to repair the railroads. They have restored them to working order and need the Railroad Tracks in order to operate them. These groups are located all over the United States of America and Canada and have already had a few excursions on the Railroad Tracks in El Dorado County.

If there is additional land available in the Railroad Track Corridor that will provide the necessary safe space for the development of trails for bikes, horses and walkers I would certainly support them. However, the Railroad tracks are not easy to replace and they are already there and should remain in place for the enjoyment of all the taxpayers to use and to share.

Within our local area there are several Railroad Organizations who have been working very hard as volunteers to preserve the Railroad Tracks for future use and their enjoyment as well as the enjoyment of the public. The Motorcar Operators West, the Folsom, El Dorado & Sacramento (FEDS) Historic Railroad Organization, Pacific Railroad Organization, Lone Recreational Railroad, Placerville Sacramento Valley Railroad, all these groups and many others are located and functioning within the Northern California Region. They are in various stages of development and have put their time, energy and a lot of hard work into the restoration of preserving our local RAILROAD HISTORY. Currently, some of these groups are working on the restoration of Railroad cars that will provide the general public the opportunity to once again enjoy riding the rails through El Dorado County and Sacramento County. They need the Railroad Tracks now and in the future.

We appreciate your time and the consideration you have already given to the Historic Railroad Community. Thank you for listening , we are asking for your support to save the Railroad Tracks for all of the public to use ,and to preserve our history and memory to all the men, women and family's who, over 100 years ago, worked hard, ate, drank , slept and lived along the Railroad Easement to lay down and secure the El Dorado Couny Railroad Tracks.

In making your final and fair determination of the future of the Railroad Tracks, please carefully review and consider all of us; the taxpayers , the general public, all of us who really own and are requesting access to the Railroad Tracks.

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Thank you,

Don Lee

Member/Volunnteer: Folsom El dorado Sacramento Historical Railroad Association

Member: Motocar Operators West

Member: North American Rail Car Operators Association

Diana Lee

Member/volunteer: Folsom, El Dorado, Sacramento Historical Railroad Association

Member/President: Placerville Sacramento Valley Railroad Association Auxiliary



Dear Supervisor Sweeney,

Please know that the majority of folk I have spoken with in El Dorado County and elsewhere over the last 18 months would support a Resolution to develop a Living History interpretive Railroad Center in El Dorado County and multi-use of the Placerville Branch right-of-way.

I would not support removal of track or restricting the use of the jointly and publicly owned transportation corridor to a trail. That would represent a waste of a valuable State and County resource and restrict the availability of sections of the right-of-way to the few fit enough to traverse such a trail.

Development of Rail uses will create a much needed economic boost to the area, sustainable for years to come and result in a return on investment far in excess of any other use.

The Rail development will leverage many \$millions over the next 20 years and will become a beacon drawing high spending tourists from elsewhere.

I ask you to support the Resolution to approve the Living History Program of the El Dorado County History Museum as proposed.

Kind Regards

Philip S. Rose Folsom  
Erika M. Rose Folsom  
Gunther F. Ditzel Walnut Creek  
Rasi Ditzel Walnut Creek  
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Many others.

Resolution 10-0682  
Eric Olds  
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Honorable Jack Sweeney  
Supervisor  
County of El Dorado

Dear Mr. Sweeney,

I am writing in support of Resolution 10-0682. Though I am not a resident of El Dorado County, I am a local citizen with a vested interest in the future of the Placerville Branch. My interests in local history, railroads, hiking, running, and biking are all impacted by decisions made by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors. I have stated publically in the past at JPA meetings my appreciation to those, your self chief among them, who had the foresight to purchase the line for multi-modal transportation use. This corridor is an asset to El Dorado County and neighboring communities, deeply rich in pioneering history and industrial legacy and at the same time affording opportunity for recreation in beautiful surroundings for current and future generations. It is truly an invaluable link to our past and a bridge to a future providing all citizens an opportunity to enjoy what makes the Sierra region of California unique in the world.

Wisely, the Board of Supervisors has chosen to develop trails for recreational use by hikers, bikers, and equestrians but not at the expense of loosing one of the most valuable historic treasures it has to offer its citizenry. By doing so, the Board has chosen to serve the entire populace instead of only a select portion. Some will choose to enjoy the natural beauty and benefit from exercise while riding the corridor on bikes or horses, others walking, hiking or running along the trails. Still others, some without the ability due to age or other physical limitations to use the trails, will choose to enjoy the same natural beauty by riding the rails and have the added benefit of experiencing a cultural link to those who have come before us and worked so hard to make this region what it is today.

I sincerely extend my gratitude to you and your fellow Supervisors for recognizing the value in what so many communities have unfortunately lost and taking necessary steps to ensure that its unique historic value is preserved and developed while simultaneously developing its recreational assets for the benefit of the community as a whole.

Thank you,

Eric Olds  
Facilities Supervisor  
Powerhouse Ministries, Folsom, CA

Member Folsom, El Dorado, & Sacramento Historical Railroad Association  
Member Placerville & Sacramento Valley Railroad Advisory Committee  
Resident of Folsom, Sacramento County, CA

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In support of Rail Park at El Dorado

Aaron C. Loper

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Dear Supervisor Sweeney,

I am writing a letter in support of the El Dorado Western Railway Foundation's effort to build a Railroad Park in the town of El Dorado. As a longtime resident of El Dorado County, I feel that a Railroad Park will be a benefit to the County and surrounding areas. It will be a place for families to go and learn about yet another part of the rich history of El Dorado County. I would hope it would bring in additional tax revenues to the area for those folks travelling to and from who will most likely also be spending their money in the local area as they visit. I also feel it is crucial that the tracks remain along the entire length of the county and into Folsom. The need for a future transportation corridor may come sooner than we think. Once it is gone, it would cost millions to rebuild. My family would much rather there be a "controlled" train ride experience that would draw people from all around the regions (world?) than a bike and hiking trail which leaves a virtually uncontrolled area that runs through our neighbors backyards. Many of the neighbors are concerned about the possibility of bikers and others who will have free access to this corridor and the possibility of theft or vandalism to their properties. The other truth is that bicyclers typically bring in very little revenue to the areas in which they travel. I can attest to this because I am involved in the Scouting program (Boy Scouts) and we have many avid bicyclers in our troop. When cyclers take their rides, they rarely stop to eat because they bring their own pack of food and beverages.

Please support the Railroad Park at all costs and please do not give into political pressure which is going to keep coming from the trail folks. They are quite organized and radical in their views.

Thank you for your consideration.

Signed,

Thomas O'Boyle

Pat O'Boyle

Aaron Loper

All of El Dorado Hills and formerly of Shingle Springs since 1973.

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Sir

I hope that you will support the El-dorado rail park  
This it a very fine organization that is doing an invaluable service to the area as well  
as to the whole state in preserving old historical rail equipment and dislapying it in  
use so the public can see it in operation.

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Honorable Jack Sweeney

Supervisor County of El Dorado

Dear Mr. Sweeney,

I am writing in support of Resolution 10-0682. I have lived and continue to own property in El Dorado County since 1977. The County has always been a historical draw for its own citizens and others. The balance of projects show a continued support for all historical assets.

The El Dorado Trail will be the most unique in the State & Country because of your balanced support of all users of the trail. Bikers, walkers, equestrian, and rail.

Please continue with this resolution in a positive way.

Mart Donahoo

Folsom, CA

Pollock Pines, CA